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Serial No.:	09/708,925	Group Art Unit:	1761
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Title:	LOW TEMPERATURE RENDERING PROCESS, AND MEAT PRODUCT		

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the following item of information is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Enclosed is a copy of a Declaration describing trade secret information. The original Declaration was submitted for the Examiner's review in grandparent application Serial No. 08/506,612. A copy of the Declaration was submitted for the Examiner's review in parent application Serial No. 08/895,112. The Examiner's consideration of this Declaration is requested. Because the Declaration contains trade secret information, it has been filed under the provisions of M.P.E.P. 724.02. Accordingly, it is requested that only the Examiner or other authorized patent office employees shall have access to the information in the Declaration.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

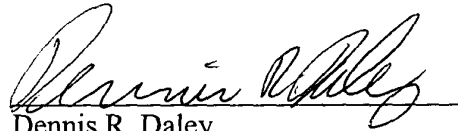
reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

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